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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JANUARY 26 LETTER FROM BENIN CHARGE

TO PRESIDENT OF SECURITY COUNCIL, CIRCULATED AS UNSC

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QUOTE LETTER DATED 26 JANUARY 1977 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES,

A.I., OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF BENIN TO THE UNITED NATIONS

ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S

REPUBLIC OF BENIN, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REQUEST THAT YOU

KINDLY CONVENE A MEETING OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY

COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE COWARDLY AND

BARBAROUS AGGRESSION COMMITTED BY THE IMPERIALISTS AND

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THEIR MERCENARIES AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN.

ON SUNDAY, 16 JANUARY 1977, A COMMANDO UNIT OF MERCENARIES,

BROUGHT BY A MILITARY AIRCRAFT, ATTACKED THE AIRPORT AND

TOWN OF COTONOU.

THE PROMPT RETALIATION OF THE PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES FORCED

THEM TO RETREAT, LEAVING BEHIND A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION.

SOME LIVES WERE LOST AND SOME MATERIAL DAMAGE CAUSED.

THIS AGGRESSION BY THE IMPERIALISTS, WHO WERE AIDED AND ABETTED IN NUMEROUS WAYS, HAS CREATED A DANGEROUS SITUATION FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

I SHOULD THEREFORE BE VERY GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD ARRANGE FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 35 OF THE CHARTER, TO MEET TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

(SIGNED) PATRICE HOUNGAVOU
CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, A.I. UNQUOTE
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